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COVER

CATS readers with long memories will recognize this photo. Repeated for the many of you who have requested it, this June 1954 Picture of the Month is by Lillian Kaplan of Tuscon.

MARCH ALMANAC
Fun, Fact, and Fancy

March 1—Wednesday. Fair. A good day to give catnip mice to cats and kittens. At Grand Rapids, Michigan, this day 1916 Beauty of London, Orange Tabby female was Best Kitten, Best Novice, and Best Cat in ACA All Breed Show.

March 6—Monday. First Siamese Cat moved to England, 1867. Expressed opinion that "British toms seem very reserved." First hybrid Siamese cat born in England May 9, 1867.

March 12—Sunday. Windy, cold, rain, snow, and sleet. Be sure all cats and kits have snug places to sleep.

March 13—Monday. First Denver, Colorado, show held, 1910. Best Cat: Silver Rob Roy III (Shaded Silver). Shorthairs deserve two extra pettings today.

March 15—Wednesday. All-American win-lists due. This day 1891 Thaddeus Hauxhurst, cat philosopher-poet born ... *"Philosopher-kings who rule with equity the kingdoms of their own souls—these are the cats."*

March 20—Monday. First day of Spring. Gather pussy willows before sundown. Get new pingpong balls for whole cat family.

March 21—Tuesday. Give Longhairs special tail-wash today. Examine ears of all cats.

March 25—Saturday. On this day in 1925 Miss Elsie Hydon elected President of Blue Cat Society of America. All cats deserve special treats today—mouse or roast chicken.

March 28—Tuesday. Male cat called "tom" for first time, Jakarta, Indonesia, 827. (From East Indian word meaning noisy. Cf. *tom-tom.*)

March 31—Friday. Wild and windy. Welcome all stray cats, but let out Lion.

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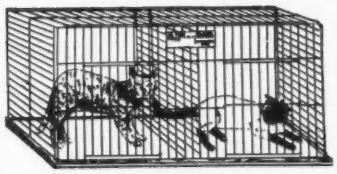

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ADVANCE INFORMATION

Dear Editors:

My husband, our cats and I enjoy CATS Magazine so much. We read every word of it and feel better informed than those who don't subscribe to it.

On two occasions I have taken issues over to our veterinarian to call certain medication and treatment to his attention. It should be in every doctor's office.

Tuti Khan, Mr. Chips and Kissy Marie all send their Siamese regards as do we.

Mrs. Watling

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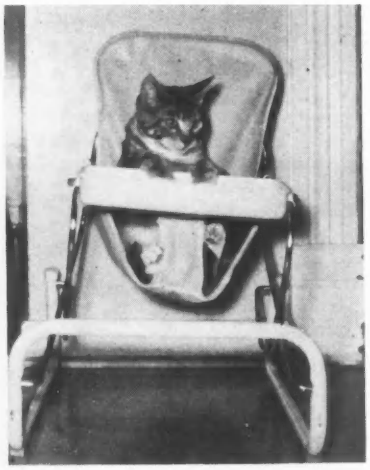

MY TURN

Dear Editors:

Hector is one of nine cats who has taught us that cats and babies thrive on togetherness and can learn from each other. At any rate, it has proved to be true in our home.

Mrs. Jack McDonald

Rt. 2, Box 158
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BOUQUET

Dear Editors:

Flowers sometime take the place of compliments. This is a note with a bouquet for CATS in it.

Forget-me-not—I am a subscriber of many years enjoyment.

Pansies are for thoughts and it is my thought that you print a fine magazine for all cat lovers.

Daisies don't tell but I do. Everyone who knows me knows about CATS Magazine. I tell them.

Cat-tails and this is mine. I have loved all cats my entire life. Though I once bred Seal Points, I now have just pet cats and the fascinating hobby of collecting cat-curios. There are some enchanting ones available and I suggest it for people who can't have too many cats.

Easther A. Beckett

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MISSING GOLD

Dear Editors:

Please don't change anything about CATS. Keep the poetry, the letters and the cute stories the readers send in as part of the magazine. We look forward to them for they are the frosting on the cake.

We need the informative articles, but we enjoy and love the unimportant little incidents about other owners' pets. These are the pages that helped me through a bad time while recuperating in the hospital. I hope I am never without your magazine.

Twinkle teases us constantly by sitting and watching the goldfish. She has never caught any, but we have a feeling if she really tried she could.

Thank you for such a lovely magazine for all cat lovers.

Mrs. Dana Gurney

Wabank Road
RD 6
Lancaster, Pa.

HI TO YOU, TOO.

Dear Editors:

Smokie, my Maine Coon cat, would love to wave to all cat-lovers who read your delightful publication. He is just ten months old and loves everyone and everything.

I found him through an ad in your magazine and am therefore everlastingly grateful to CATS.

E. Carter

416 Park Ave.
Vineland, N. J.

WE DON'T

Dear Editors:

I remember reading in one of your back issues an article, or perhaps it was an ad, telling of a method to make yarn from combings of a Persian cat.

We have a beautiful White purebred and have kept the combings from her. We would love to have them made into yarn for a sweater.

Does anyone remember where to write for information about this?

Alexander V. Bollerer

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Windsor, Conn.

SUCH A DEAR

Dear Editors:

I thought perhaps your readers would enjoy seeing a photo of my pair of pets. The little Blue Point is Scamp and the fawn is Precious. They both live with us in our mountain home above Palm Springs.

Precious, evidently too weak to travel, was abandoned by her mother. We have had her since she was only one-day old. She comes into the house just as do the other animals and is just as mannerly. She and Scamp both check the little basket for goodies as soon as they come in.

We do not confine Precious and she is free to roam the forest. She has always returned, mostly we feel, for a quiet chat with her little friend, the cat.

Mrs. Victor Cubarkin

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REGISTERED READER

Dear Editors:

Just about a year ago we acquired our first Siamese. When we registered her, we found an introductory offer to your magazine enclosed with the registration papers.

We are delighted to have found such an informative publication and it has proved most helpful. With your help, we are gradually learning to understand Siamese.

Mrs. J. R. Mieler

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THE CONTRABAND CAT

by Beatrice Bisno

I saw Grisette for the first time in our hotel dining room on the French Riviera. After she'd been swished out a couple of times by the frustrated waitress, she had come slinking under our table half-demanding, half-pleading for a handout. Unable to resist her wise amber eyes, I contrived to drop her morsels from my plate and that of my husband. On our way out, I grasped Charles' arm. Grisette was prowling atop the low garden wall, back and forth, back and forth, with the nervous rhythm of a jungle beast. *"Sauvage,"* sniggered a native guest over her shoulder. Grisette was indeed of the wild, gray-striped strays with short forepaws we had seen haunting the gutters and alleys of French cities.

"Needs a home, in her condition," observed Charles, indicating her tell-tale bulge.

"Not mine, honey," I retorted, remembering with a pang my pet Persian in California whose recent passing had taken part of my heart with her. "Never again. My love for domestic animals died with Tokay. There is no more."

"Grisette takes love wherever she can find it," said Charles, stroking the cat's hard little head as he sometimes did that of my lost Tokay.

"Come along," I said, moving off. "I'll be late for my French lesson."

As we entered our villa apartment next door, who should be at my feet but Grisette, rubbing her soft body against my leg and purring as loud as a coffee perculator.

"Oh, no, honey," I cried, refusing to move and shaking my head. "I won't—we can't—No. Not again."

"She's far too smart to down those cold French beets," Charles said, opening a can of sardines in the adjoining kitchen.

"If you feed her, she's *Your Cat,"* I shouted with forced bravado. "Not mine, remember. Yours."

"Bring some canned milk on your way back from class," Charles said, in his matter-of-fact way, leaving the cat to her gastronomic ecstasy. "Tokay loved it."

"Just like a man. Bring home a stray, then turn it over to the wife for care and feeding."

Next thing I knew I was referring to Grisette as *My Cat*. This brought from Charles the triumphant, "First she was *Your Cat*. Then she was *Our Cat*. Now she's *My Cat*. Women!"

She was, of course. I began snagging tidbits from the dining room and in no time *My Cat* came to symbolize the conscience of the other diners who invariably contributed something from their plates, even part of the steak the French call *entrecote*. No longer *sauvage*, Grisette was soon transformed into a model of domestic tranquillity. Days, she spilled her heavy languid body across our small balcony, snoozing in the warm sun. No matter how late in the evening we returned from Queenie's Cafe on the Promenade des Anglais (named for Queen Victoria), we would find her patiently watching for us from inside the graden. Then clumsily she would race us to the apartment. Her domestic deportment was impeccable. Except for one thing.

She took a tigerish delight in sharpening her jungle claws on the monstrous leather club chair, pride of the establishment, that dominated our living-bedroom. One afternoon when the hotelier's mother, a typical prying, suspicious concierge, whose quarters were in the villa basement, spied the tiny leather tongues dangling from the chair bottom, her usual forbidding visage turned blacker than the fur of her own pet cat, Mignon. Her excessive affection for this inky tom was induced, no doubt, by being kept at arm's length by her son and daughter-in-law who operated the hotel. To *grand'mere* all other pets were enemies.

Charles and I tried to drown out her *Nicoise* scolding with profuse apologies in high school French. If the damaged chair could not be repaired, he offered to buy a new one. No use. The old dragon forbade us to keep Grisette in the apartment another day. We must get rid of her at once. *Toute de suite!* My Cat was declared contraband, especially, *grand'mere* snarled, in view of her approaching litter. She could not afford to feed any more animals. I caught the knowing look on Charles' face. We had already agreed that in the *affair d'amour* between Mignon and Grisette, her own black cat was plainly the aggressor.

The ultimatum of the old MGM lion (Charles' name for grand'mere,) filled us with dismay. Not that I made any heroic effort to carry it out. Grisette would soon be a mother, and I was not about to throw the pregnant animal back to the precarious existence of the gutters in Nice. On the other hand, both Charles and I loved our hilltop villa, its bright flower garden and our glimpse of the Mediterranean below. How could we keep My Cat and the villa, too?

"See what your *laissez faire* has done," I shot out in despair. "Laid another problem in our laps."

"Another cat, you mean," Charles with his incorrigible optimism, rubbing his hands over the tepid, mirror-covered radiator replied. "We'll find a way. Sure, we will. Meantime all we have to do is keep Grisette away from that damn chair."

Neither of us reckoned on Grisette's shrewd cooperation. She hadn't lived on the town for nothing. With her age-old cat wisdom she knew she was *persona non grata to* grand'mere. Afternoons she would settle herself outside our window and give forth a soul-searing salvo of sound, meaning, "Let me in. Let me in." This histrionic caterwauling was obviously put on to prove to downstairs that upstairs was obeying the cruel proscription to the letter. When after dark we would let Grisette in, she would cock an ear for grand'mere's lumbering tread up the stairs and would sneak under the bed where she knew no one, not even the *femme de chambre* ever trespassed. Nights we shut her up in the *cuisine,* barred from the leather chair by the metal door.

New Year's eve, the three of us were in the villa waiting in our separate ways for the whistles to announce the start of another twelve-month cycle. Charles, an afghan over his knees in the somewhat devastated leather chair, grumbled over his *Paris Herald* about the coal shortage. Curled up on our canary yellow quilt Grisette was dreaming of her approaching family. I was writing a letter in front of the portable electric heater, the latter a vast concession to *"les Americains* who refuse to wear enough clothes."

"What, exactly, is a villa, Charles?" I asked. "I mean, a dictionary definition."

"I'd say it was a stone house that couldn't be heated," he mumbled, coughing.

Suddenly the room was plunged into total eclipse. The entire villa was in darkness. Our concurrent use of the reading light and electric heater, against which we had been duly warned, had proved too much for the load, and poof! went the fuse. Staggering about blindly for a match, I heard grand'mere's thump and grumble up the stairs. In thirty seconds the old ogress stood in the doorway, bundled in layers of sweaters, holding a flickering candle and rattling away in her loud Nicoise. Somehow Charles and I made out that the chambermaid occupying the room adjoining her basement apartment was only half-dressed and that her butcher boy friend would be there any minute to take her out for the New Year's celebration. As I was making a second tortured effort to apologize, I heard my husband scuffling around behind me, opening and shutting the window and letting in an Arctic blast. "What on earth are you doing?" I started to blurt out, when I half-saw. He had lifted Grisette in her sleep off the bed and dropped her out the window onto our front porch some three feet below. He was apparently out of range of grand'mere's meager candle-light, for she shuffled away to the hotel, muttering to herself. As for Grisette, bless her cat-soul, she continued to play along with Charles' game, for no sound came from her. Pretty soon the lights went on, and our hotelier was knocking and politely inquiring from the other side of the door if everything was all right.

With a flourish Charles swung it open. Behind the hotelier stood the old crone in the bright hall light. From somewhere outside came the first faint whistles heralding the New Year. Like a quick-change artist grand'mere pushed past her son,

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FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

CATNAP

My cat is up before daybreak,
To jump and thump and rattle and tap
And by the time I'm wide awake
All is silent: he's taking a nap.

—**Pearl Hawley**

ANY TAKERS?

Anybody want
A little silver bell,
And a perky satin
Bow as well,
And a shiny collar—
Which happens to deck
A certain tiny
Feline neck?
The neck is snowy,
With matching feet.
The disposition's
Affectionate, sweet . . . .
Anybody want
The works, complete?

—**Ethel Jacobson**

MARK TWAIN'S KITTENS

Chasing
Their furry tails
Or pouncing suddenly
They wove for him a tapestry
Of joy.

—**Eddie W. Wilson**

WHITE KITTEN

She merely has to tilt her head,
Or lift a paw to bring
The children down upon their knees
With rubber mouse or string.

Each move she makes is poetry:
We watch her whirl and prance,
A ballerina pussycat
In a fairy-kitten dance.

She boldly leaps from chair to chair
And when we gently chide,
Will dart off, prima-donna-wise,
To find a place to hide.

We had not dreamed such joy could stem
From one small bit of fluff,
Which curled up in a nap looks just
Like little daughter's muff!

—**Virginia Moran Evans**

NOCTURN

The night is sleek, black
Purring, softly in deep dream
Kneading at the dawn.

—**Scholer Bangs**

FELINE DELINQUENCY

Oh, wayward cat, what sinful acts
Have you committed in the night?
What weird exploits have left you thus—
A derelict and sorry sight?

Perhaps your friends ganged up on you,
And so you fought in self-protection.
Or did you have a rival for
Some lady alley-cat's affection?

What dark impulses change you from
The model pet who purrs by day
Into a restless feline who
Prowls the shadowed night away?

Just look at you—an eye is shut,
Your tail is shorn of fur—and see!
You're minus half the whiskers that
Have been your stamp of dignity!

No need to rub against my leg;
Your're in disgrace, and *that is that!*
(What's that you say? If *you* look bad,
I should have seen the *other* cat!)

—**Eliana Beam**

POPO-CAT-E-PET-L

We've named the flame-colored kitten Popo—
Short for Popo-CAT-e-PET-l:
Quite appropriate, we think,
For he's CAT, and PET, as well;
And like that mountain, he will rest
In gentle quiet, soft paws cupped—
Then in the blinking of an eye
Violently erupt!

—**Marion Doyle**

COMPLACENCY

Tabitha sleeps by the fire;
Outside her suitor does inquire
If his beloved is aware
That all the while he's lurking there;
Tabby sees him in her dream,
Green flecked eyes where small lights gleam,
White tipped ears, coat of yellow,
He is quite a handsome fellow

But outside the wind does blow,
In the air a hint of snow;
Tabitha just turns and sighs
She is prudent, she is wise;
She knows full well her ardent swain
Beside her doorstep will remain,
While she indulges her desire
And takes her nap before the fire.

—**Laura Kukes**

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My cats are such loving creatures
Also free of inhibitions.
Possessing all the built-in features
For creating new additions
For me to love, i.e.—*kittens.*

—**Mildred Foster**

KITTEN PLAYING

Under fur, muscles
explode her into motion:
like popping corn she bounces
outward, upward,
then parachutes down, small bronco of silk.
Now she subsides, becomes incubator,
quiet motor:
slow hatcher of fuzzy tricks.

—**Ing Smith**

REUNION

Beside the door he'd wait to meet
The wanderer home at last;
With eyes alight, and soft purrs greet
Me with joy unsurpassed.
Throughout the years I often thought
"How could he know the hour
Of my return?" Perhaps unsought
He found some occult power.

Now that he's gone, reluctantly
I climb the steps. No cries
Of purest joy welcome me—
No shining topaz eyes.
Then in the dusk I feel soft fur,
Silken and feather-light;
The room vibrates with his glad purr—
A ghost cat walks tonight.

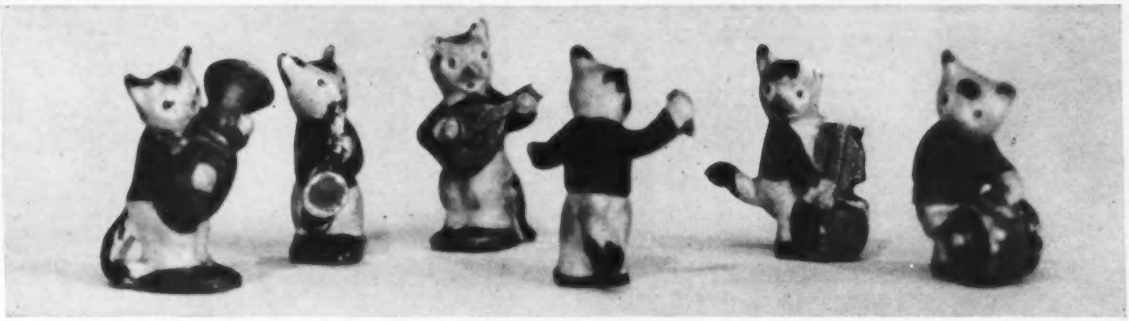
Perhaps he's only gone ahead,
Waits near that *last* closed door
To meet me with his stately tread,
Just as he did before.

—**Gladys Cornell**

PRIDE GOETH BEFORE

One big, gray paw
Slowly after another,
Clothed in dignity
As in his thick gray fur,
He walked the tightrope
Of the bathtub rim.
Successful, at the end
He raised his head
And looked at us with pride.
And looking so,
Fell in.

—**Alvida R. Jones**



CATS IN CERAMICS AND GLASS

by Clarence T. Hubbard

As a cat fancier for years, as well as a figural bottle collector, I naturally seek out as many "kitty bottles" as I could find.

First let me explain just what a figural or charactural bottle is. It's usually an antique bottle (there are also some desirable modern bottles) cast in the shape of something—cats, as I particularly stress, but also of birds, soldiers, people, objects and things.

The cutest cat figural is a bottle modeled as a grinning cat, sitting up wearing a bow, nine inches high—mine being in yellow or vaseline glass, very striking.

It has no utility use, it was just a fancy bottle available in holiday season for interested buyers. Many of these are around cast in clear glass, also most attractive and they can be filled with colored water. It took me years to find the yellow-toned bottle.

Puss-in-Boots is a small clear glass early cologne bottle, puss sticking his head out of the shoe. It was a dispenser for cologne Grandma once favored. She probably often bought it just to acquire the bottle. Any cat lover would.

The "cat's head," a very small bottle, was another early American cologne bottle. This one is fairly rare.

The cat-on-a-hassock is a French Wine bottle of the 1870 vintage. The Bacarrat glass factories of France put out over eight hundred designs. Among these were several "cat bottles." You can still find them in America at antique shops, at gallery auctions and from collectors.

Mary Chess, performer of New York City, ladies' favorites, have hundreds they resell each year filled with toilet water. There is one depicting a lady in a rocking chair holding a cat in her lap.

Felix the Cat was originated in Germany and became an internationally known newspaper cartoon. It was bottle-ized, the bottle stood on its neck.

I am proud of the fact that with several hundred such bottles in my collection, on shelves, my various Silver Tabby kitties have never broken a single one.

In addition to glass bottle kitties, of course, there are no end of kitty ceramics. They, too, provide a parallel interest to cat fanciers as a collateral interest.

Once you establish an interest in glass or ceramic moulded felines, friends will make your collection grow. A curled-up china kitty sleeping was recently given me, an antique, by a stranger who said: "I knew that you were interested in cats. Have this!"

Cat bands are an interesting acquisition. One I acquired in Chicago has the kitties attired in red and white costumes. It was the first cat "concert in ceramics" I had ever seen. Since then, I have run across no end of musical kitties. Some in caricature, others in true perfect detail, sometimes an orchestra, other times a full band.

Many of these are to be found in dime stores, others in better gift shops. Once you start you'll be amazed at the ceramic kitty musicians you will discover.

I've seen them in glass, in china, in wood, tin, bisque, plastics and brass. And it all proves that the public are deeply attracted to cats.

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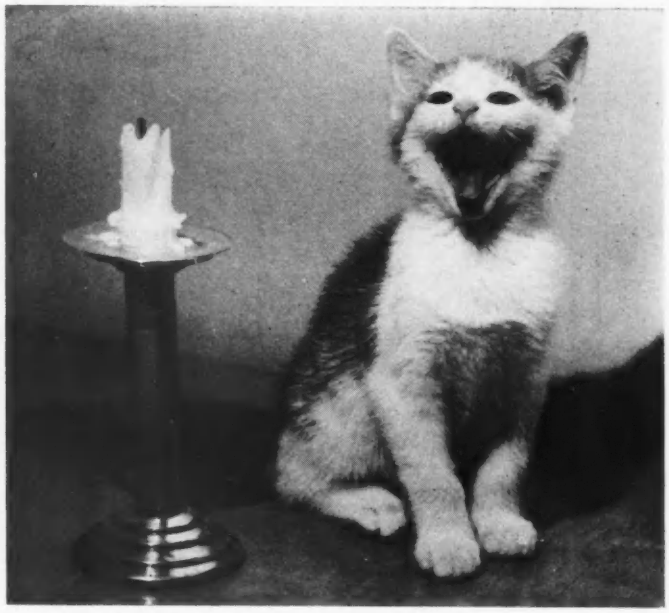

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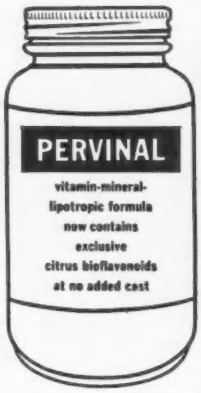

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Cats Question Box

Conducted By E. A. Renaux, D.V.M.

Our ten-year-old spay female Persian has a washing mania. She washes so constantly she has no hair left on the back of her hind legs and the underside of her tail. Also has scratched the ruff around her neck almost off completely. The veterinarian cured a fungus infection this summer with a soap-base liquid but she now washes and washes. Her diet consists of cat food, fresh ground beef mixed with dry dog food and a little milk. She weights ten pounds. I am trying one-fourth grain of thyroid a day.

—Mrs. C. E. Luebbe

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The addition of some fat to the diet might help (Epitone®—Pitman-Moore). On her hind legs and tail there might be some irritation caused by urine soiling her. Being on both sides as it is there might even be some value in the restricted use of hormones.

Having bred my two Siamese for the first time I am concerned with a situation that has resulted in the first litter. All kits were perfectly healthy and active. One little fellow appeared to have hurt himself in a jump from a counter to the floor. He was a long time using the left hind leg again. X-rays showed nothing. Now at three and one-half months, he rarely puts weight on the leg and there is an indentation in the thigh. His present owner says her veterinarian told her he believes there is a muscle missing. I had planned on breeding the two parent cats again, but if there is danger of such a hereditary condition I will not.

—Mrs. Francis Welch

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There is nothing in this history to indicate that there is an inheritable factor here. It would seem much more likely that the fault would be either from the injury that was sustained or faulty development of the area involved in this particular individual. Massage and exercising of the leg by the owner would be indicated.

We have two Siamese females, both of whom we love, but one is extremely jealous of the other. I would like to mate the better dispositioned one, but am wondering if the jealous one might not harm the kittens. What do you think?

—Susan Emmel

7512 No. Eastlake Terrace, Chicago 26.

It is very possible that there might be trouble because of the jealousy of the one cat. It might possibly want to destroy the kittens or to assume them herself, which, of course, could lead to trouble all around. Even breeding the jealous one might not solve the problem, as she might not take to her own kittens. These problems might not arise, but in view of the history of the cats, it would be likely.

Our three-year-old Siamese has inflamed gums which are at times more troublesome than at others although he has a normal diet. Can you suggest anything to help?

—James H. Boothe

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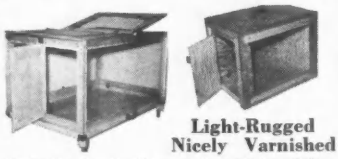

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WHAT THE CAT FANCY

"Tips to the Novice"
by
Blanche W. Smith

As you sit in your chair reading CATS Magazine with one or two happy little Domestics, or Persians, or Siamese, or all three on your lap, you as a pet owner may wonder why there is so much material about the *Cat Fancy* in CATS Magazine.

"What in the world can show reports, descriptions of new breeds, and articles on catteries or line breeding mean to me and my pets?" you ask.

The answer is really quite a bit more involved than you may guess. More so, even, than I thought until I began to consider this article. It's truly amazing how much we as single pet owners owe to the cat breeders and exhibitors—not forgetting that we breeders, too, owe the pet owner a great deal.

Perhaps the first great debt to the Fancy is for the health of our cats. Cats were so plentiful around the farms and city homes of the 1920's and earlier that the illness or death of a cat usually wasn't taken seriously except by the youngsters of the family. It wasn't until cat shows and cat breeding made cats valuable in the dollar sense that research into cat diseases developed. I doubt that our vaccinations for feline enteritis and pneumonitis, our antibiotic treatments for ringworm, and our special "cat" insecticides and worm treatments would be available to keep our kitties healthy if it had not been for the cat fanciers who recognized the need for them and made it financially worthwhile for the veterinary medical profession to develop them.

Something else that the Cat Fancy has given all of us cat owners is status. As recently as ten years ago when I first entered the Fancy, cat ownership was associated in the minds of the general public with all kinds of unfavorable traits. People often thought that adults who kept cats as pets were crazy, or at best eccentric. But now with the widespread favorable publicity given the Siamese and Persians and the other "fancy" cats, along with the Domestic Shorthairs, ownership of a cat, especially in cities and the suburbs, has become a mark of distinction. Today instead of meeting with sneers of contempt or even outright dislike because we are cat owners, most people, even landlords, are accepting us as good people to know, interesting people to be friendly with, and even safe people to rent apartments to.

It's mainly the cat breeders who have given publicity to cats through their shows and their advertising and who have constantly strived to improve the beauty and dispositions of their cats that we can thank for this.

It's those in the Cat Fancy, too, who have done the most in educating the public and the pet owners on the proper care of cats. Because cats are so valuable to them, breeders soon learned that hit-or-miss methods of care were not satisfactory for cats. So, if you keep your cats in the house, use one of the litter products, feed canned food or horsemeat, or add vitamins and minerals to the diet and as a result have a happy, sleek, and long-lived cat, you can thank the Fancy.

You, and America's ten million other non-farm cat owners provide the big market for all cat products, but because the breeders own some 250,000 cats themselves and sell at least another 250,000 per year they are a very important consumption market themselves. Even more important as far as the manufacturers of these products are concerned is the fact that with each of the quarter million kittens sold each year to you pet owners goes a recommendation as to what cat food and cat litter you should use. So the producers of all cat items not only advertise to the breeders as well as to you, but they are particularly careful to control the quality of their products, for should they once lose the favor of the breeders they would soon find their sales to you pet owners dwindling fast.

It's much the same way with veterinarian care. Because there is an informed and demanding body of cat fanciers insisting on the best possible health care for their cats, veterinarians are encouraged to specialize in cats and to study them far more than would be the case if their only patients were occasional neighborhood cats. So, now *all* cats get better treatment.

And there are other ways, too, that the Fancy helps all cats. Chances are that should you ever want to ship your cat to a new home, to a friend, or for some other reason, the airlines or railway express will be able to handle it promptly and safely only because they have had so much experience through shipping cats from breeders and to shows.

If you go to your library or book store for a book on cats, you are benefiting from the fact that publishers can depend on selling a thousand or more copies of any good cat book to the hard core of cat fanciers and cat lovers who are on the lookout for the newest in cat care information and cat literature. Without this dependable market, it is doubtful that many good cat books would be published, and you, the individual owner, would be the loser.

And, although it is a magazine, CATS fits into the same category. Because it can depend upon the breeders to subscribe and to advertise, the magazine carries much material of main interest to the breeders, but most of it can be devoted to things that are of interest to you as an individual cat lover rather than to the Fancy.

But, if CATS carried no material on the Fancy, it is extremely doubtful that it could exist at all. I've learned this only recently

MEANS TO YOU

since I've taken an interest in the actual publication of CATS as well as writing my column. It was rather saddening to me when I first realized that in all of the pet world, CATS is the only independent magazine which devotes any of its pages at all to individual pet owners.

Dog lovers, bird lovers, and other pet lovers have no magazines designed for them as *pet* owners. All of their magazines are for the breeders and exhibitors exclusively. We as cat owners are extremely fortunate that CATS has planned its editorial policy to give us so much material which appeals to us as pet owners, not as breeders. CATS, too, has been extremely fortunate that the pet owners have supported this editorial policy. Other magazines have tried to appeal to the pet owners or to reach both pet owners and breeders, but in all the history of publishing, only CATS has succeeded.

So, by accepting each other and by realizing that we as pet owners and as breeders can work together, we are helping each other enjoy the benefits of a monthly magazine which could not otherwise be produced.

In other ways, also, every cat is being helped by the Cat Fancy. The fact that breeders price cats as high as in the thousands of dollars means that the public today puts a value on any cat, and the wanton destruction of cats is no longer condoned by law or accepted by society. Every cat who is let out of the house today is safer because last week a show cat was sold for $500, and because last month a news item appeared saying that an offer of $5,000 for a Cat of the Year had been turned down.

By continuing to work together, we as pet owners, we as cat fanciers, and we as CATS Magazine can build the reputation of the cat even higher than it is today; we can encourage further discoveries for improving cat health, and we can be sure that manufacturers will give us ever better products for the feeding, care, and happiness of our cats—be they plain or fancy.

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Miss Young's articles, sometimes humorous, are written to inform the general public of the desirability of the cats as a household pet. While the pedigreed felines are often depicted in her stories, the Domestic Shorthair comes in for its share of kind words, too. In the photo, President Manley presents the trophy to Miss Young. Also present are Herbert Gosling, President of the Havana Cat Breeders Society, and Mrs. Martin Sidlo, Secretary of UCF.

Fanciers Forum

IS IT RIGHT TO TAKE A CAT'S LIFE?

Is it right to put a cat to sleep? Can we as owners and breeders of cats **really love** a cat and have it put to sleep? Did we give a cat life? and do we have the right to take its life?

I have come in contact with a number of breeders who say they put cats to sleep for various reason—one main one is to cut down on the number of cats and expenses. Some breeders put kittens that are not show type to sleep right after they are born to cut down the number, saying that they can't make as much money from pet-type kittens. Can a breeder **really love** cats and act on these terms?

I feel that cats certainly don't deserve "sleep" because the owner is bored or dissatisfied with the poor things. A cat is helpless to protect itself and when it is not wanted, it should not be thrown away and put to sleep. The only excuse for taking a cat's life is to save it from pain or incurable disease.

I have heard it said that there are so many cats starving around and mistreated that they should be put to sleep. There are also a lot of poor and mistreated children in the world. That, too, is sad and distressing, but would we put these little children to sleep?

Our cat children are our children, too. So do we have the right to play God (who gave them life) and take life away from them? To me it is criminal and selfish on our part to put a cat to sleep and to ease our conscience by saying it is better off.

A cat that is no longer wanted should be given a **good** home or sold for a pet at prices people can afford. Sometimes our veterinarians can help us find good and happy homes for the extra cats or kittens we may have.

My sincere desire in writing this article is that breeders everywhere give their cats the same "break" in life they would want from themselves—to live and die a natural life and to see that their cats and kittens find the best homes possible for them.

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and with a wide, toothless grin, her sweatered arms outstretched, planted a kiss on both my cheeks and on those of my startled spouse. The hotelier followed suit and discreetly made his exit, mumbling felicitations.

Recognizing a guilty expression on Charles' face, I smelled a rat. Rather, a cat. Brazenly stretched her full length on the yellow quilt lay Grisette, one eye closed, the other amber orb cocked up at grand'-mere as if defying her to take one step closer. Faster than the eye, she had slithered in between the hotelier's legs, and taking this to be *her* New Year's eve as well as ours, decided against hiding under the bed. Besides, any one could see she was growing too big with kittens to flatten easily through the shallow space between floor and bed.

Her swollen shape was not lost on grand-'mere. Next morning in the act of peeling her enormous pot of potatoes for the hotel outside her basement rooms, she motioned us threateningly on our way out through the garden. "We can't have any more animals to feed," she warned, reaching down fiercely for black Mignon at her feet. "No more." At her unseemly show of affection, he leaped unceremoniously away and out of sight.

Came the day. More accurately, the night. At the first cry of joy from behind the kitchen door, Charles and I leaped excitedly out of bed. A small black blob of fur lay on the newspaper cuttings under the sink. Grisette hopped out of the carton, rubbed against me and then against Charles for comfort. Four more times she ran out asking us to share her happiness and pain. We stroked her, cooed in our best cat language throughout her labor, and finally left her purring loudly with her litter.

My distrust of grand'mere kept me and Charles awake most of the night. "Yesterday," I told him, "I caught her talking to her son, making with the big red hands as if she were wringing all their necks. It sent shivers down my spine. Honestly, I wouldn't put it past her—"

"Nonsense," interrupted Charles. "Her bark is worse than her spark. If it'd make you feel any better, we'll find nice homes for them in the neighborhood."

"Where? We're leaving here in a week, remember."

"Oh, tradespeople, maybe."

"Charles! With all the cats around here? I wish you could be more realistic."

"You'd never have had Grisette if I was. I knew you needed her more than you realized."

"If only you hadn't—No, I don't really mean that, Charles. I've grown to love the funny little animal and now—"

"Don't you worry wour pretty head, pet. Everything's going to turn out just fine—fine and dandy."

The following day grand'mere came sniffing into the apartment looking for Mignon. While I innocently shook my head, she ambled straight with a hunter's instinct into the kitchen. In the carton under the sink, Papa Mignon was helping Grisette wash the five little blobs, ignoring grand'mere's wheedling. As the old lady turned dismally to leave, Mignon with one kitten in his teeth ran on ahead of her. Unbelieving, I tracked her darling cat to her apartment. There in his beribboned wicker basket Mignon had deposited his offspring. One by one he brought them in his teeth, Grisette at the last proudly strutting, all seven fitting themselves cozily inside the commodious bassinet. "Love me, love my family," is what Mignon is trying to say, I thought. I couldn't resist throwing out the idea to grand'mere. *"Mignon aime ses fils et ses filles, n'est-ce pas?"* I asked with an inward snicker.

The morning of our departure, grand-'mere saw us to the fiacre outside. Smiling as if she had won the lottery, she swore by the medal of Saint Catherine hanging from her thick neck that we need have no worries about Grisette or her family—since they were Mignon's children, they were hers, too. As I looked back tearfully from the carriage taking us to the railroad station, I saw her waving us adieu, my Grisette in one arm and Mignon in the other, both snuggling happily against her enormous bosom.

"Love renews itself by letting go as well as by holding on," Charles said, sententiously. "Even grand'mere must have learned that. You can, too."

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Show Reports

CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION (ACA), 54th Int. Show, Toronto, Canada, Aug. 26-27, 1960. ALL BREED—Ruth T. McNaughtan. Best Cat, Nov, Open, LH, SC—Keora's Blue Minx, Blue m, Fortescue, 2nd B Cat, Ch, SH, FSH, Sia—Kalyan Cha Mo, SP m, Hamling, OS Cat, Ch, SC, SH, FSH; B Bur—KonKeKe ReebaKa, f, Slauter, B Gr Ch—Cuddles, Blue m, Hill, OS Nov, Aby—Shermax Alexandra of May-Ling f, Maling, OS Open, Sia—Sky Hills Ski Low of Shan Ling, BP f, Elliot, OS LH—Chin O Pat, Red m, Hill, B Sil—Skywax's Sky Hop, Smk m, Martin, OS Sil, DSH—Lita Gal of Madali, ST f, Christy, B T&T—Brandy of Briarwood, RT m, Read; OS—Minqua's Odessa, BC f, Warwick, B DSH—Solon Red Emmira, RT m, Miller, B M—Akanta Mr. Quarternote of Far-Fin, Blk m, Combs; OS—Finlo Odette of Wila-Blite, OEW f, Slauter, B Aby—Selene's Firefly, m, Schuler, B RB—Addick's Anya of Betty Lou, f, MacDonald; OS—Nikolas of Chota-Li, m, Field, OS Bur—Dalai Honee Bear of KonKeKe, m, Slauter, B Kit—Shermain's Twen of Misapur, Aby m, Steele; OS—Kalyan Arexa, CP f Handling, B Neuter—Fluffy, RT, Needham; Spay—Sunshine Su-Ling, BP, Long. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Doris Hobbs.** B Cat, Nov, SC—Shawnee Moonflight, CEW m, Horner, 2nd B Cat; OS Cat; B Ch, Sil—Silver Penny, SS f, Hill, Gr Ch—Cuddles, OS Ch, T&T—Willow Mist's Tobermory, ST m, Martin, OS Nov; B T&T—Minqua's Odessa, B Open—Brandy of Briarwood; OS Open, SC—Ayme-Tu-Wynn Magnolia of Somerset, Blk f, Preston, OS Sil—Silver Jewel, Chin m, Kennedy, B Kit—Hazel's Dainty Dream, SS f, Hill; OS—Hazel's Prince Charming, Blue m, Hill, B Neuter—Fluffy; Spay—Cuddles, Newberry. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY—Doris Hobbs.** B Cat, Ch, FSH, Sia—Chi Charoen Chai Lai of Shan Ling, SP f, Elliot, 2nd B Cat; OS Cat, Nov, FSH, Sia—Ammon Ra Blu Blaz of Hi-Ree, BP m, Hildebrandt, Best Gr Ch—KonKeKe KoKoMo, Bur m, Slauter, OS Ch, B Aby—Selene's Firefly, B Nov—Croy-Don's Cathay of Misapur, SP f, Steele, B Open—Ko Ko Khan of Madali, CP m, Christy, B SC, Bur—KonKeKe Reeba Ka, OS SC, Mx—Akanta Mr. Quarternote of Far-Fin, B Sil, DSH—Shawnee Marksman, ST m, Horner; OS Sil, DSH—Lita Gal of Makali, B Mx—Finlo's Odette of Wila-Blite, OS Aby—Kalyan Amber of KonKeKe, f, Slauter, OS Pup—Beaver's Cheli De Phil-Bet, m, Daly, B RB—Casa Gatos Zarina O'Bograe, f, Schuler; OS—Nikolas of Chota-Li, B Kit—Caroline's Sirikit of Thany, CP f, Arthur; OS—Hvetekalk of Arundel, SP m, Disher, B Neuter—Jet Velvet, Blk DSH, Wiles; Spay—Sunshine Su-Ling. **Entries: 290; Exhibitors: 120.**

CAT FANCIERS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, INC. (ACFA), 3rd Ch Show, Vancouver, B. C., Canada, Sept. 10-11, 1960. ALL BREED—Ralph C. Boren. Best Cat, Nov, SH, FSH, Sia—Ja-Yse's Wu Mei II, FP m, Chipperfield, 2nd B Cat; B Gr Ch; OS Cat, SH, FSH, Sia—Hara's Coquette, CP f, Haralampus, OS Gr Ch—Elo-Yse's Choo-Sen of Penny's, SP m, Penny, B Ch, LH, SC—Driftwood's September Boy, Blue m, Butterfield, OS Ch—Montpelier's Gay Gift, Cr f, Ridge, OS Nov, LH, SC—Klinkhammer's Aurellia, OEW f, Klinkhammer, B Open—Driftwood's Beachcomber of Tidewinds, Blue m, Butterfield; OS—King's Karess, SP f, King, B Sil—Silver Dawn's Petal, SS f, Becker; OS—Chatami Dido, Chin m, Powell, B T&T—Fergus Tee-N-Tee, Tor f, Everette, B Him—Briarry Femme Fatale of Chestermere, BP f, Borrett; OS—Chatelaine Al Hakim of Chestermere, SP m, Borrett, B DSH—Clover Ridges Cactus Jack, Smk m, Bacon, B Mx—Xantna's Nicholas, Blk m, Allison; OS—Gilmore's Confetti of Ja-Yse, Tor f, Chipperfield, B Bur—Mizpan's Ramree Rajah of Glendale, m, Steers; OS—Folly Yin, f, Zaverl, B Kit—Krebs' Toni of Rosetrevor, BP m, McCombe; OS—Lu-N'ell's Ming Tah, CP f, Andreason, B Neuter—Montpellier's Butterfield Teddy Bear, Blue, Butterfield; Spay—Penny's Siva, SP, Williams. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—James A. Kilborn.** B Cat, Nov, SC—Klinkhammer's Aurellia, 2nd B Cat, B Open—Allison's Miss Widget, Cr f, Allison, OS Cat, SC—Klinkhammer's Big Boy, OEW m, Klinkhammer, B Ch—Driftwood's September Boy; OS—Klinkhammer's Gayla, OEW f, Klinkhammer, OS Nov—Chatami Dido, OS Open; B Sil—Gilmore's Cameo Sam, Sh Cameo m, Allison, OS Sil—Rio Casa Parea of Chatami, Chin f, Becker, B T&T—Fergus Tee-N-Tee, B Kit—Driftwood's High Seas, Blue m, Butterfield; OS—Persepolis Meleta, Chin f, MacMillan, B Neuter—Klinkhammer's Black Velvet, Blk, Klinkhammer; Spay—Mitzi—SP Him, Morse. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY—James A. Kilborn.** B Cat, Open, FSH, Sia—King's Karess, 2nd B Cat; OS Cat, FSH, Sia—Hara's Guiseppe, FP m, Haralampus, B Gr Ch—Hara's Coquette; OS—Elo-Yse's Choo-Sen of Penny's, Best Ch—Brina of Swingate, SP f, Everett; OS—Sundust Mocha Motif of San Laos, CP m, Sandhofer, B Nov—Ja-Yse's Wu Mei II; OS—Dark Gauntlet's Lucinda of Hart's, SP f, Hart, OS Open—Elo-Yse's Tim-Me-Abi of Hara, SP m, Haralampus, B DSH—Clover Ridge's Texas Ranger, B Mx—Gilmore's Confetti; OS—Aladdin's Aye Lee, Blk m, Nelson, B Bur—King's Burma Joy, f, Harley; OS—King's Burma Boy, m, Harley, B Kit—Au Chou, Bur m, Garland; OS—Glynneath's Melissa, BP f, Thomas, B Neuter—Wilcock's Mischa, SP, Barnes; Spay—Penny's Siva. **BREED AND COLOR SPECIALTIES—Conrad C. Barr. SOLID COLOR.** B Cat, Ch—Montpellier Gay Gift, 2nd B Cat, B Him—Briarry Femme Fatale, OS Cat, CH—Klinkhammer's King Midas, BEW m, Klinkhammer, B Nov—Klinkhammer's Aurellia; OS—Montpellier Le Prince of Dscha'Afar, CEW m, Zodel, B Open—Blue Diamond's Little Princess, CEW f, Allison; OS—Klinkhammer's Bomberette, Blue m, Klinkhammer. **Silver.** B Cat, Nov—Chatami Dido, 2nd B Cat: B Ch; OS Cat—Rio Casa Parea of Chatami, B Open—Samarkans Peggotty Anne, SS f, Becker. **Tabby & Tortie.** B Cat, Ch—Fergus' Tee-N-Tee. **Himalayan.** B Cat, Ch—Briarry Femme Fatale of Chestermere, 2nd B Cat, OS Cat, Ch—Chatelaine Al Hakim of Chestermere, B Open—King Solomon of Sunnyside, SP, m, Sketchlay. **Abyssinian.** B Neuter—Nelaire's Sharree, Robinson. **Burmese.** B Cat, Open—Mizpah's Ramree Rajah of Glendale, 2nd B Cat, OS Cat, Open—Folly Yin. **Domestic.** B Cat, Open—Clover Ridge's Texas Ranger, Manx, B Cat, Ch—Gilmore's Confetti, 2nd B Cat; OS Cat, CH—Aladdin's Aye Lee, B Gr Ch—Xantha's Nicholas. **Siamese.** B Cat, Ch—Ja-Yse's Mei Tu of An-Gee, BP f, Kessler, 2nd B Cat; B Open; OS Cat—Elo-Yse's Tim-Me-Abi of Hara, B Gr Ch—Hara's Coquette; OS—Elo-Yse's Choo-Sen of Penny's, OS Ch—Sundust Mocha Motif of San Laos, B Nov—Ja-Yse's Zuki, SP m, Chipperfield, Timfy's Lik-Chew, SP f, Angerman, OS Open—Elo-Yse's Lov-Abi of Lu-Nell's, BP f, Jones, B Neuter—Hoy Tee, SP, Vesey; Spay—Penny's Siva. **Entries: 209; Exhibitors: 91.**

WILLAMETTE VALLEY CAT CLUB (ACFA), 5th Ch Show, Portland, Ore., Oct. 1-2, 1960. ALL BREED—Ree Rathburn. Best Cat, Open, LH, SC—Driftwood's Beachcomber of Tidewinds, Blue m, Butterfield, 2nd B Cat, Ch, SH, FSH, Sia—Elo-Yse's Tim-Me-Bi of Hara, SP m, Haralampus, OS Cat, Ch, SH, FSH, Sia—King's Karess, SP f, King, B Gr Ch; OS LH—Briarry Femme Fatale of Chestermere, BP Him f, Borrett, OS Gr Ch—Klinkhammer's King Midas, BEW m, Klinkhammer, B Nov—Spring Mountain Judy of Le-Karm, Blk f, Johnson; OS—Fountainbleu Bertie, BP m, Fountain, OS SC—Driftwood's September Eve, Blue f, Butterfield, OS Open; B T&T—Venus Mollesse of Chatami, BC f, Slaven, B Sil—Heleta's Anastasia, Chin f, Smith; OS—Clairdale's Davy Crockett of Gilmore, Smk m, Allison, B DSH—Gilmore's Lili, RT f, Allison; OS—Gilmore's Eric the Red, SP m, Allison, B Mx—Xantha's Nicholas, Blk m, Allison; OS—Gilmore's Confetti, Tor f, Chipperfield, B Aby—Nelaire's Sadro Sabri, m, Cowan; OS—Ring's Abi Selinda of Phil-Lori, f, Wohlgemuth, B Bur—Regal Manipur of Hassayampa, m, O'Connell; OS—King's Burma Tu of Phil-Lori's, f, Wholgemuth, B Kit—Fergus's Honey Bear, Shell Cameo m, Fergus; OS—Knight's Kenya, CP f, Knight's Kattery, B Neuter—Silver Dawn's Li'l Guy, Blue Smk, Stewart; Spay—Wee Violet, BP, Kerr. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Irene Powell.** B Cat, Open, SC—Driftwood's Beechcomber of Tidewinds, 2nd B Cat; B Ch; OS Cat, SC—Klinkhammer's Gayla, CEW f, Klinkhammer, B Gr Ch—Klinkhammer's King Midas; OS—Briarry Femme Fatale of Chestermere, OS Ch—Blue Diamond's Wee Sunshine of Fergus, Cr m, B Nov—Klinkhammer's White Rose, CEW f, Klinkhammer; OS—Klinkhammer's Chalmers, BEW m, Klinkhammer, B T&T—Gilmore's Martie II, Tor f, Allison, OS Open; B Sil—Heleta's Anastasia, OS Sil—Fergus's Ginger Bear, Sh Cameo m, B Kit—Fergus's Honey Bear; OS—Klinkhammer's Dana, Blue f, Klinkhammer, B Neuter—Silver Tim of Novato, Chin, Bevan; Spay—Silver Dawn's Denise, Blue Smk, Stewart. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY—Irene Powell.** B Cat, Open, FSH, Sia—King's Imakat, BP f, King, 2nd B Cat; B Gr Ch—Hara's Coquette, CP f, Haralampus, OS Cat, FSH, Sia, Best Ch—Hara's Giuseppe, FP m, Haralampus, OS Gr Ch—Kilborn's Royal Highlander, CP m, Hieter, OS Ch—Elo-Yse's Lov-Abi of Lu-Nell's, BP f, Jones, B Nov—Knight's Decca, CP f, Knight's Kattery; OS—Fontainbleu Bertie, OS Open—Wolfgang's New Art of Timfy, SP m, Denny, DSH—Thel-Ward's Wee Gordie, RT m; OS—Gilmore's Lili, B Manx—Xantha's Nicholas; OS—Thel-Ward's Calli-Too, Blk f, B Aby—Ring's Abi Abdel, m, Ring; OS—Ring's Abi Kushma of Knight's, f, Knight's Kattery, B Bur—Regal Manipur of Hassa-yampa; OS—Folly Yin, f, Zaverl, B Kit—Gilmore's Ebonette of Elo-Yse, Blk Mx f, Magnan; OS—Au Choa, Bur m, Garland, B Neuter—Cho-Sen II, SP, Hancock, Spay—Nola of Siam, BP, Lorenz. **BREED & COLOR SPECIALTIES—Kathleen Hemry. SOLID COLOR.** B Cat, Gr Ch, LH—Klinkhammer's King Midas, 2nd B Cat; B Open—Driftwood's Beachcomber of Tidewinds, OS Cat, Ch, LH—Klinkhammer's Gayla, B Ch—Klinkhammer's Bomberette, Blue m, Klinkhammer, B Nov—Klinkhammer's Chalmers, OS Nov—Klinkhammer's White Rose, OS Open—Blue Diamond's Baby Angel, CEW f, Hopey, B Kit—Klinkhammer's Dale, Blue m, Klinkhammer; OS—Klinkhammer's Dana. **Silver.** B Cat, Ch—Las Montanas Emeraud of Chatami, Chin m, Powell, 2nd B Cat; OS Cat, Ch—Chatami Pucelle, Chin f, Powell, B Nov—Gilmore's Cameo Sam, Sh Cameo m, Allison, B Open—Las Montanas Ardent of Heleta, Chin m, Smith; OS—Silver Dawn's Petal, SS f, Harkness, B Kit—Fergus's Honey Bear, B Neuter—Silver Dawn's Li'l Guy; Spay—Silver Dawn's Denise. **Tabby & Tortie.** B Cat, Open—Venus Mollesse of Chatami, 2nd B Cat; B Ch—Gilmore's Martie II. **Himalayan.** B Cat, Gr Ch—Briarry Femme Fatale of Chestermere, 2nd B Cat; OS Cat, Gr Ch—Chatelaine Al Hakim of Chestermere, B Ch—Chestermere Chacota, SP f, Borrett. **Abyssinian.** B Cat, Ch—Ring's Abi Selinda of Phil-Lori, 2nd B Cat, B Open—Ring's Abi Kushma of Knights, OS Cat, Open—Phil-Lori's Ki-O-Kizan, m, Wohlgemuth, OS Ch—Ring's Abi Abdel, B Kit—Knight's Tanji m, Knight's Kattery; OS—Knight's Aboy Siik of Cas Mar, f, Martin. **Burmese.** B Cat, Open—King's Burma Boy, m, Harley, 2nd B Cat; B Ch—Casa Gatos Moyee De Beaver, m, Jones, OS Cat, Ch—King's Burma Tu of Phil-Lori's, B Kit—Scheherazade, f, Zaverl; OS—Au Chou, B Spay—Gidget, Knocker. **Domestic Shorthair.** B cat, Ch—Clover Ridge's Texas Ranger, ST m, Bacon, 2nd B Cat—Gilmore's Albert, OEW m, Allison, OS Cat; B Gr Ch—Gilmore's Lili, OS Gr Ch—Gilmore's Eric the Red, OS Ch—Rowanlane's Blue Muffin, Blue f, Strain, B Nov—Rowanlane's Captain Midnight, Blk m, Strain, Open—Thel-Ward's Wee Gordie, B Kit—Peter Bosco, Blk m, Lorenz; Neuter—Suzette, Blk, Cookingham; Spay—Johnston's Pussy-Kins, PC, Johnston. **Manx.** B Cat, Gr Ch—Manxland Lavender of Xantha, Blue f, Kerrush, 2nd B Cat; B Ch—Gilmore's Confetti, OS Cat, Gr Ch—Xantha's Nicholas, OS Ch—Thel-Ward's Timmy, PC m, B Nov—Thel-Ward's Calli-Too, B Kit—Gilmore's Ebonette of Elo-Yse; OS—Gilmore's Ebonezer, Blk m, Allison. **Siamese.** B Cat, Ch—King's Karess, 2nd B Cat; B Gr Ch—Hara's Coquette, OS Cat; B Open—Ja-Yse's Wu Mei II, FP m, Chipperfield, OS Gr Ch—Kilborn's Royal Highlander, OS Ch—Hara's Guiseppe, B Nov—Fontainbleu Bertie; OS—Knight's Decca, OS Open—Van Lyn's Dawn Frost of King's, FP f, King, B Kit—Timfy's Roxene, BP f, Denny; OS—Summer's High Tone, FP m, Summers, B Neuter—Cho-Sen II; Spay—Gae Little Simba, SP, Isaacson. **Entries: 186; Exhibitors: 73.**

SIAMESE CAT CLUB OF CONNECTICUT (ACA), 4th Ch Show, Hamden, Conn., Oct. 15, 1960. All Siamese—Louise Fiedler. B Cat, Ch—Joli's Pinnocchio, BP m, Cromarty, 2nd B Cat; B Nov—Midnight Timm-E, SP m, Lewis, OS Cat; B Open, —Velvet Mitts Co-Co Clotilde, CP f, Haufmann, OS Nov—Minken-Tu, SP f, Lewis, OS Open—Barton Ridge Umbra, CP m, Hahn, B Kit—Kutjing-Hai Aku, CP m, Kaufmann; OS—Kutjing Hai Alpha, CP f, Kaufmann, B Neuter—Ming-A-Ling, SP, Hawley; Spay—Ming-Toy, SP, Brady. **Entries: 50; Exhibitors: 28.**

SANTIAM CAT FANCIERS (ACFA), 4th Ch Show, Albany, Ore., Oct. 15-16, 1960. ALL BREED—Whitney D. Abt. B Cat, Ch, LH, Sil—Las Montanas Emeraud of Chatami, Chin m, Powell, 2nd B Cat; B SC—Klinkhammer's Bomberette, Blue m, Klinkhammer, OS Cat, Ch, LH; B T&T—Venus Mollesse of Chatami, BC f, Powell, B Gr Ch; OS SC—Klinkhammer's Gayla, CEW f, Klinkhammer, OS Gr Ch; B SH, FSH, Aby—Ring's Abi Abdel, m, Ring, OS SH, FSH, Sia—King's Karess, SP f, King, B Nov, DSH—Dumplings, Royer, OS Nov—Van Lyn's Charmer of Saeng Dao, FP m, Burmester, B Open, Sia—King's Blue Rocket, BP m, Dziggel, OS Open—Klinkhammer's White Rose, CEW f, Klinkhammer, OS DSH—Thel-Ward's Golden Boy, PC m, B Mx—Thel-Ward's Timmy, PC m; OS—Manxland Lavender of Xantha, Blue f, Allison, OS Aby—Nelarie's Nada Rance, f, Cowan, B Bur—Mizpah's Ramree Rajah of Glendale, m, Steers; OS—Folly Yin, f, Zaverl, B Kit—Gilmore's Ebonette of Elo-Yse, Blk Mx f, Magnan; OS—Duet's Kee Khy Khan, SP m, Craft, B Neuter—Mar-Kim's Jacot, BP, Greenlee; Spay—Lu-Nell's Lovely Hi-Toi, Bur, Brown. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Cleo Strain.** B Cat, Ch, SC—Klinkhammer's Bomberette, 2nd B Cat—Blue Diamond's Wee Sunshine of Fergus, Cr m, OS Cat, Ch, SC—Driftwood's

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Cats Show Calendar

March

4- 5—Hyattsville, Md.—Cat Fanciers of Washington, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Genevieve O'Neill); LH Specialty (Stella Calvert); SH Specialty (Lillian Pedulla).

4- 5—Salt Lake City, Utah—Unitah Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Louise Sample); LH & SH Specialties (Pat Johnson).

4- 5—Hollywood, Fla.—The Catkins (ACFA). All Breed (Bert Tebbetts); LH & SH Specialties (Helen Mueller); B/C Specialties (Bessie Kerr); Circus City Honorary Specialties (Marion Tracy).

4- 5—Buffalo, N. Y.—Queen City Cat Club, Inc. (ACA). All Breed, LH, SH, (tba).

4- 5—Oklahoma City, Okla.—COMBINED SHOWS. Oklahoma Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Carl Darnell); LH & SH Specialties (Evelyn King). American National Cat Cub (ACFA). All Breed (tba); LH & SH Specialties (Don Yoder).

11—Bordentown, N. J.—Delaware Valley Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed (Lucy Clingan); LH Specialty (Jack Foster); SH Specialty (Dana Learn).

18-19—Salisbury, Md.—Eastern Shore Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Robert Martin); LH & SH Specialties (Lillian Limpert).

April

8- 9—Detroit, Mich.—COMBINED SHOWS. Motor City Cat Club (UCF) All Breed (Ann Manley); LH & SH Specialties (Eva Thorne). Water Wonderland All Breed (Mars Hanson); LH & SH Specialties (Leigh Manley).

21—Detroit, Mich.—NCFA Judges School in connection with:

22-23—Detroit, Mich.—COMBINED SHOWS. Michigan All Breed Cat Club (NCFA). All Breed (Francis Kosierowski); LH & SH Specialties (Alvin Clark). National Cat Club (NCFA). All Breed (Mary Snyder); LH & SH Specialties (Lydia Dzbanski).

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May 21—Philadelphia, Pa.—Eastern Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed, LH, SH. (tba).

September

2—Kirkland, Washington—Cascade Cat Fanciers (ACFA). All Breed (Pat Krebs); LH & SH Specialties (Kathleen Penny).

23-24—Detroit, Mich.—Michigan All Breed Cat Club (NCFA). Shows and Judges tba.

30-Oct. 1—Beaver Falls, Pa.—Pittsburgh Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed: LH Specialty; Siamese Specialty; All Shorthair (except Siamese) Specialty. (Judges tba.).

October

21-22—Youngstown, Ohio—Western Reserve Cat Fanciers (ACFA) Qd. RM Show (tba).

21-22—Minneapolis, Minn.—Twin City Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). AB, LH, SH (tba).

November

4- 5—Long Beach, Calif.—Pacific Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed, LH, SH. (tba).

18-19—Louisville, Ky.—COMBINED SHOWS. Blue Grass All Breed Cat Club (NCFA). National Cat Club (NCFA). All Breeds and Specialties. (tba).

18-19—San Diego, Calif.—San Diego Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed, LH, SH. (tba).

25-26—Costa Mesa, Calif.—Intra Valley Cat Club (UCF). Combined Show. Judges tba.

25-26—Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—Frontier Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). AB, LH, SH. (tba)

December

2- 3—Dallas, Texas—North Texas Cat Club (ACFA). Combined Shows. Judges tba.

September Eve, Blue f, Butterfield. B Gr. Ch—Klinkhammer's King Midas, BEW m, Klinkhammer; OS—Briarry Femme Fatale of Chestermere, BP Him f, Borrett. B Nov—Blomquists' King, SS m, Geertz; OS—Klinkhammer's Venice, BC f, Klinkhammer. B Open—Klinkhammer's White Rose; OS—Klinkhammer's Kontiki, Blue m, Klinkhammer. B Sil—Las Montanas Emeraud of Chatami; OS—Chatami Pucelle, Chin f, Powell. B T&T—Venus Mollesse of Chatami. B Kit—Driftwood's High Seas, Blue m, Butterfield; OS—Klinkhammer's Dana, Blue f, Klinkhammer. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY—Cleo Strain.** B Cat, Ch, FSH, Sia—King's Imakat, BP f, King. 2nd B Cat; B Open, Aby; OS Cat, FSH—Nelarie's Benin Abdel, m, Guild & Cowan. B Gr Ch, Mx—Xantha's Nicholas, Blk m, Allison. OS Gr Ch—Hart's Laurel, BP f, Hart. OS Ch, Sia—Hara's Giuseppe, FP m, Haralampus. B Nov—King's Yong Zhu, SP f, Heisler; OS—Tanda-A-Ming, SP m, Mazil. OS Open—Katnia Lin-Fu of Summer's, SP f, Summers. B DSH—Gilmore's Albert, OEW m, Allison; OS—Gilmore's Lili, RT f, Allison. OS Mx—Manxland Lavender of Xantha. OS Aby—Ring's Abi Zelinda of Phil-Lori, f, Wohlgemuth. B Bur—Casa Gatos Moyee De Beaver, m, Jones; OS—King's Burma Tu of Phil-Lori's, B Kit—Timfy's Amerylli's, BP f, Denny; OS—Au Chou, Bur m, Garland. B Neuter—Timfy's Mi-Tu, SP, Howe; Spay—Lu-Nell's Lovely Hi-toi. **BREEED & COLOR SPECIALTIES—Pearl R. Allison. Solid Color.** B Cat, Ch—Chatami Autumn, Cr m, Powell. 2nd B Cat; B Open—Klinkhammer's Omar, CFW m, Klinkhammer. OS Cat, Open—Klinkhammer's White Rose. B Gr Ch—Klinkhammer's Gayla; OS—Klinkhammer's King Midas. OS Ch—Spring Mountain Judy of Le Karm, Blk f, Johnson. B Kit—Klinkhammer's Dana. **Silver.** Best Cat, Ch, LH—Las Montanas Emeraud of Chatami. 2nd B Cat; OS Cat, Ch, LH—Chatami Pucelle. B Nov—Blomquist's King. **Tabby & Tortie.** B Cat, Nov—Klinkhammer's Venice. 2nd B Cat; B Ch—Venus Mollesse of Chatami. B Kit—Silver Sword's Tabo of Saeng Dao, ST m, Burmester. **Himalayan.** B Cat, Gr Ch—Briarry Femme Fatale of Chestermere. 2nd B Cat; OS Cat, Gr Ch—Chatelaine Al Hakim of Chestermere, SP m, Borrett. B Ch—Chestermere Chacota, SP f, Barrett. **Manx.** B Cat, Ch—Gilmore's Confetti of Ja-Yse, Tor f, Chipperfield. 2nd B Cat; OS Cat, Ch—Thel-Ward's Timmy. Open—Thel-Ward's Calli-Too, PC f. **Abyssinian.** B Cat, Gr Ch—Ring's Abi Abdel. 2nd B Cat; Best Open—Nelarie's Katanga m, Guild & Cowan. B Ch—Nelarie's Sadro Sabri, m, Guild. B Nov—Phil-Lori's Ki-O-Zola, f, Wohlgeff, Harley. B Spay—Lu-Nell's Lovely Hi-Toi. **Domestic.** B Cat, Ch—Clovermuth. **Burmese.** B Cat, Ch—Mizpah's Ramree Rajah of Glendale. 2nd B Cat; OS Cat, Ch—Folly Yin. B Kit—Au Chou; OS—Jasha's Princess Ann, Ridge's Texas Ranger of Sunny Slope, ST m, Bacon. 2nd B Cat; OS Cat, Ch—Rowanlane's Blue Muffin, Blue f, Strain. B Open—Thel-Ward's Golden Boy. B Neuter—Sammie, Blk, Brooker. **Siamese.** B Cat, Ch—King's Karess. 2nd Best Cat; OS Cat, Ch—Elo-Yse's Friendship of Lu-Nell's, CP m, Jones. B Gr Ch—Hart's Laurel; OS—Di Napoli's Serenade in Blue, BP m, Naples. B Nov—Duet's Ink-Kee's Kuke, SP m, Craft; OS—King's Tri-Tri-Again of Lu-Nell's, SP f, Jones. B Open—Timfy's Delilah of Catkin, BP f, Holm; OS—Fontainbleu Bertie, BP m, Fountain. B Kit—Timfy's Roxene, BP f, Denny; OS—Duet's Kee Khy Khan, SP m, Craft. B Neuter—Mar-Kim's Jacot; Spay—Chiang, SP, Brassfield. **Entries: 182; Exhibitors: 72.**

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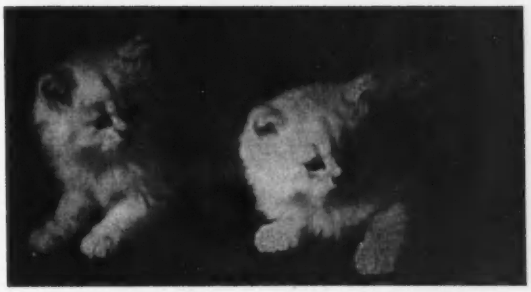

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Remember when this was the month everyone hated to see turn up on their calendars? The Romans started it with that "beware the Ides of March" bit and then our government followed it up with the ultimatum that all taxes must be paid by the 15th of March. Even though the month has been given a reprieve of a sort, always will there cling to March this ominous beginning. And it is really not fair . . . they aren't such thirty-one horrid days. What if they are generally cold, raw, blustery, sleety, rainy, slushy, grey, dull and totally unpleasant weather-wise? Everything has some goodness, some quality to recommend it. The very first person to think of something nice to say about the third month of the year will be duly acclaimed a hard-headed optimist.

In direct contrast, we have six hundred men and women who are actually vehement in praise of Mr. Tom, a male cat who is the focal point of a dispute between labor and management at the Pacific Mercury Electronic Corp. of Sepulveda, California.

Nation-wide interest has sprung up and the latest report from the Los Angeles *Herald Express* (at this writing) is that no positive conclusion has been reached by arbitration.

The story began when a new chief-security officer of the company demanded that Tom, a mascot of the workers, be dismissed. His tour of the plant proved Tom to be a little less than tidy in his personal habits and the new chief promptly exiled him.

In a matter of hours, a petition demanding his return had been signed by practically all the shop workers. Tom is a card holder in the AFL-CIO Local #1662 and has five years seniority and rates high as a morale booster.

A Grievance Committee met and although the president of the company is rather pro-Tom, he must, pro-tem, back up his officer's stand. The union threatens to take the matter to the State Conciliation Service even though Tom has been given back his official badge and has returned to his cushioned chair at the door of the building. It is not full reinstatement and he is subject to banishment until some authoritive statement is released.

Cats have always had a way of making the headlines but in the last few months more and more of them are concerned with cats and legal action.

In England, twenty-seven cats are snoozing in the warm security of a large but empty house. They were saved from eviction by a British be-kind-to-animals law when their owners, Mr. & Mrs. M. Coling, were put out of the house for non-payment of rent. Under an Abandonment-of-Animals Act, the cats can't be removed from the property without their owners' consent. The act also makes it illegal to abandon a domestic or captive animal. The officials of the Royal S.P.C.A. make daily calls to feed the cats. The clipping didn't go on to explain how long such a situation could exist. Be interesting to get the facts on this one.

We, in America, evidently have a similar ordinance for pets' protection. The San Antonio *Light* reports the case of Anton Berend who was fined for dumping a mother cat and her two kittens out on a back road. The director of the local Animal Defense League filed the complaint. Mr. Berend had ditched the felines in front of the league's shelter.

Perhaps there was a handy trash can lettered "Put litter here" and Mr. Berend took it literally.

Things and words can be changed to suit a mind's need. Art Buchwald, New York *Herald Tribune* feature writer, edited a column from Paris where he now lives that proves words can imply whatever the user chooses them to mean.

His story began with an announcement from his seven-year old son Joel, that his very best friend, Antonio, would have to get rid of his cat. Further, unless the Buchwalds offered it refuge, Antonio's mother was going to kill it.

Mr. Buchwald pointed out that their lease forbids them having a cat but to his son it made small difference. The issue remained . . . . if Mr. Buchwald said no, it would mean death for the cat. Joel advised his Dad that when Antonio called at seven for the answer, he wouldn't answer the phone and be the bearer of the sentence of doom.

The phone did ring at seven and it was Antonio. Mr. Buchwald tried to explain to the boy why they couldn't take the cat.

Was Mr. Buchwald aware the cat would be killed if he didn't take it?

He was—and sorry too. Why not give the cat to someone else? Or, perhaps if he just put it in the streets, someone would give it a home.

Put the cat out? Never! It would run away.

Bewildered, Mr. Buchwald hung up. By now, the entire household had been told by Joel that a "cat killer" lived with them.

Being an old newspaper man, Art Buchwald managed to salvage one bitter truth from the episode . . . "it isn't the person who kills a cat who is guilty, but it is the one who refuses to save it who must suffer for the crime."

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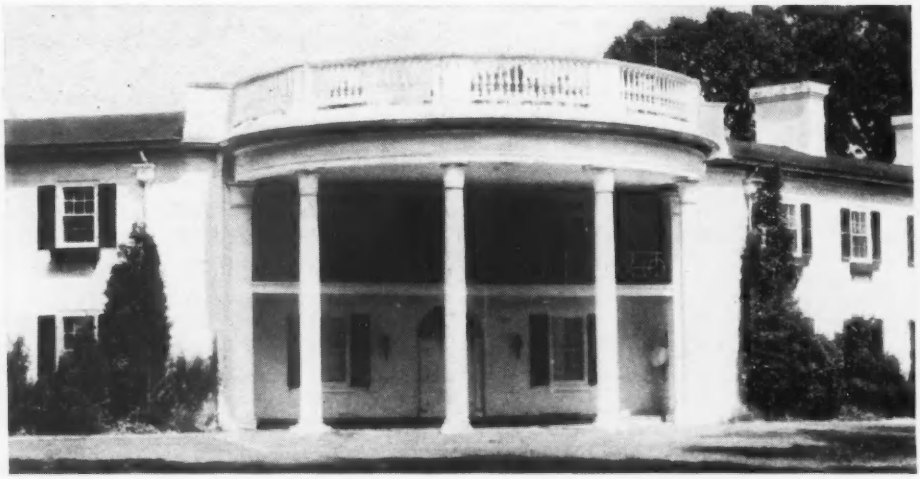

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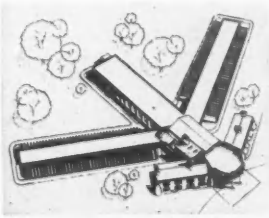

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